



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 1733

PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0020.01

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Renato CARETTA et al.)
Application Serial No. 09/873,330) Group Art Unit: 1733
Filed: June 5, 2001) Examiner: Knable, G.
For: METHOD OF MAKING A TIRE)
FOR A VEHICLE WHEEL)

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a five-month extension of time to reply to the Advisory Action mailed October 3, 2003, and the Final Office Action mailed April 22, 2003 (the period for reply was previously extended by a Petition for Extension of Time and associated Petition Fee filed September 9, 2003; by a Petition for Extension of Time and associated Petition Fee filed October 22, 2003; and by a Notice of Appeal and associated Appeal Fee also filed October 22, 2003). A fee of \$2,010.00 is enclosed.

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Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 20, 2004

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